ANOTHER CIA FLOP

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For many years Nador Kish, the Pullman conductor, had been riding the international express between Budapest and Vienna. He was an elderly, calm, even-tempered individual. However, once on a fall day in 1951, excited and upset, he entered the Ministry of Interior in Budapest.

"On my last trip to Vienna an old Austrian friend, Joseph Dvorzhak, introduced me to his friend, Robert Werner. After a brief discussion Werner suddenly asked me to become an American agent," said Kish.

"Well, what's so bad about that," laughed the Hungarian counterintelligence worker with whom Kish was speaking. "Agree to become an American spy and we will help you."

Kish agreed and the Hungarian security organs were given the opportunity to study and control the activity of American intelligence against Hungary from Austrian territory.

The first meeting between Nandor Kish and Werner took place in the Viennese "Europa" Hotel, and all subsequent meetings were held at the following address -- Vienna, Bauern Markt, House No. 6, 7th floor, apartment 19. This apartment was maintained by the Viennese department of US intelligence and was used especially for meetings with agents.

For seven years US intelligence agents met with Kish, sent coded criptographic messages to false addresses and sent couriers. There were also briefcases with secret

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compartments for the delivery of information and a complex system of passwords. In a word, the entire arsenal of dective measures, extensively described in known literature, were used.

When Kish heard over the telephone, "Best wishes from Johnny and Margaret," he knew that a courier had arrived. They would normally meet under the clock of the old national theater, where everyone in Budapest meets. The courier (it was later established that he was an Austrian citizen), having convinced himself that it was really Kish whom he met, passed on to him Hungarian and foreign currency and his next assignment.

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Apparently the Americans were satisfied with the work of their agent. In any case they increased Kish's reward on numerous occasions and expanded his espionage activities and gave him more difficult ones. At the same time, however, they also controlled his work. Kish was placed under the American agent Bauer whose main task was to reverify his reliability. It is interesting that Werner himself passed this on to Kish; he used "his" agent for business deals and had a right to be sincere with him. Not wanting to loose a source of additional income, Werner decided that contact with Kish was profitable and in the future without Bauer's knowledge warned the agent on many occasions that he was being watched.

How did we find out about Kish, Bauer and Werner? From material at a press conference recently held in Budapest and organized by the Information Administration of the Council of Ministers of the Hungarian People's Republic. Hungarian and foreign journalists were shown several secret documents of American intelligence, they were addressed by former US intelligence agents and they were given facts which provide us with the basis for saying today that the CIA once again has fallen on its face before the before the eyes of the world.

"Mr. Werner," Comrade Geza Nameni, who was the chairman at the press conference said over the laughter throughout
the entire hall, "should be thanked for the fact that he warned
Nandor Kish in time of all the measures planned by American
intelligence to check on him and to control him.

"We were able," continued Geza Nameni, "with the assistance of Nandor Kish and other Hungarian patriots who, like him, came up against the Viennese group of American intelligence agents to establish the real name of Robert Werner. He is Yozhef Banshagi (transliterated from the Russian language), born in 1928 in the city of Bekeshchaba.

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In 1944 Banshagi moved to the West with his parents. He lived in West Germany and then moved to the United States; from there he went to Austria in 1957 but this time as an American intelligence officer.

"On the basis of the information provided by Nandor Kish and other similar honest Hungarian citizens whom American intelligence agents attempted to recruit," continued Geza Nameni, "it was not difficult to put together a list of those Hungarian objectives that were of particular interest to the CIA. Let us note from the beginning that this interest was of an extremely extensive range. For example, American intelligence devoted attention to the geographic coordinates of such generally innocent and particularly peaceful structures as dams, systems for controlling rivers, artificial reservoirs and irrigation cannal systems.

"The question arrises as to why there is such an interest? The Americans provided the answer themselves. Now, the entire world knows their plan since they have bombed the dams to create an artificial flood and to inundate People's Vietnam. As can be seen, US ruling circles are preparing the same fate for the Hungarian people as well.

"The press has already reported on the socalled 'Special Forces' of the US Army. These units are trained at military bases and training grounds in order to carry out acts of sabotage, subversion and terror during peace and wartime.

"I can show you a document which speaks fairly clearly of the nature of the training of 'Special Forces.' This is an English-Hungarian phrase book published by the US Army staff. The vocabularly in the phrase book is extremely distinctive. The foreword shows that it was compiled for those members of the units who must operate in Hungary. In order to illustrate to you the mission under discussion I will cite several examples:

"'Show us places which can be used as hidding places, where materials could be stored for a more or less extended period of time.' 'Take us by a road which will get us to this place by sundown so that we will be able to reconnoiter it.' 'Which portions of the railroad are patrolled? Which railroad objectives are guarded by them? Where is the best place to cut the telephone wires?'

"I know that I could cite this document for a long time yet but I believe that it is already clear that the training of the 'Special Forces' is of a particularly aggressive

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nature. Let us note that similar booklets are published not only in Hungarian but also in languages of various European, Asian and African peoples. I must also inform you of the fact that American intelligence gives its agents the task not only of discovering secrets in the Hungarian People's Republic but also of establishing appropriate channels through which espionage against the Soviet Union well become possible. Let us say that the previously mentioned Banshagi-Werner worked in a most active manner on the establishment of just such a 'channel.' He himself told Nandor Kish: 'There are five people working on the establishment of the channel; it would not be bad if we were able to achieve this!'

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"Here it is also important to note that not only are the Americans occupied with espionage against the socialist countries but they also spy against their allies. I will permit myself to confirm this with a document. Secret instructions from the US Department of the Army, signed by Major General Lee, state directly that personnel of all US military missions, including those based in friendly countries, must be occupied with espionage. As an example, I will read to you the third paragraph in the instructions: 'Although the military missions are not set up as intelligence organs, they must undertake this type of activity as well. The acquisition of secret information and its timely transmission are the same type of contribution to the matter of serving the national interests of the United States as the execution of normal functions by the mission!"

In addition to what was stated by the chairman it remains for us to add that without a twinge of conscience the workers in the US military missions and bases recruit agents in countries friendly to them, striving to infiltrate the army and government institutions. They not only gather information of a military and political nature but also conduct more insidious activities. The role played by American intelligence in recent government overthrows in a number of African and Asian countries is well-known.

The American espionage trust needs agents in the FRG, Austria, France and Sweden. They are needed in every country. American intelligence agents operating from US bases located in the FRG are particularly active. This is evidenced by the voluminous list of agents recruited from among citizens of the FRG and Austria presented to the press conference participants. Information concerning these agents and a number of other documents at the disposal of the Hungarian security organs leave no doubt of the fact that US intelligence strives to gather detailed information concerning the armed forces

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of France, Austria and other European capitalist countries.

Let us, however, return to what was taking place at the press conference in Budapest. The chairman of the press conference stated further:

"I will now show you photo copies of cards belonging to American agents who are citizens of the FRG and Austria. We will place at your disposal several photo copies as well as several pages of a fairly voluminous list that contains data on the place and time of birth of these individuals and the nature of their work and the place where they live.

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"Let us move on to the following documents. All of them are proof positive that the American secret service strives to gather the most detailed data concerning the armed forces of the European capitalist countries. We have proof of the fact that its attempts were not without success abd that through its agents it gathered information concerning the armed forces of its friends and allies, including such information as the designations of military units, their personnel, location and equipment.

"I assume that today you could once more convince yourself of the correctness of the assertion that the government of the United States of America is engaged in total espionage, with the network of which it attempts to cover the entire world. Totality, however, is manifested not only in the territorial sense but also with regard to the means used To prove this I again present a document. in this work. I would say is a unique document, the only one in the history of international relations and more than that in the history of espionage. It bears the title, 'Program for Training Wives (wives of military attachees are being referred to) at the US Army Strategic Intelligence School.' This document will give you an opportunity to become acquainted with the subject matter of the 15 week course, within the framework of which wives of American military attachees credited abroad are being trained in intelligence work."

We will not be able to relate everything that was presented at the press conference. It continued for two hours and approximately 100 correspondents from various newspapers and agencies filed reports on it. Although a week has already passed since the press conference was held, the world press continues to comment on the secret documents of American intelligence which have been brought to light for the first time.

What is secret does not become obvious of itself.

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Great efforst are needed in order to turn that which is carefully protected behind the stamp of "Top Secret" and retained in the sealled safes of the intelligence services into public property.

Members of the Hungarian security organs have carried out an important task crowned with success. They are to be congratulated.

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By knowing the language, you will be able to listen for any information which might possible be of interest or volue to your husband. You'll be surprised to know how much you can learn at the bridge table or other socials when the women are talking about their husband's work.

Before you lie photo copies and the translation of one of the documents exhibited at the press conference -- "Program" for Training Wives." What then are the American ladies being taught in Washington.

US Army Strategic Intelligence School, Room 4830, Main Navy Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Memorandum No. 204: Attendance of wives at the Strategic Intelligence School: Lectures and Films:

The wives of Attaches-designate attending the Fifty-first Class of the U. S. Army Strategic Intelligence School are invited to attend the following lectures and films during the period 12 October 1959 to 12 February 1960. The dates and times indicated are tentative. The weekly schedules, when issued will show any changes. Asterisks indicate that subject material to be presented is classified, and is restricted to those wives whose security clearances have been received. School Secretary will notify each student when his wife's clearance is completed.

First Week Lecture: Fundamentals of Geography

Second Week Lecture: Basic Functions of an Attache Film: Key Personnel in Key Positions

*Lecture: The Nature and Significance of Strategic Intelligence

Third Week

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Lecture: The Development and Status of Communist Party

Organizations.

*Lecture: Communist Strategy and Tactics.

Lecture: Contemporary America and America's Image Abroad

Fourth Week

Film: How the Communists Seize Power. Lecture: The Communist World Outlook

Lecture: Military Geography

Lecture: Western Europe, Political and Sociological Factors

* Lecture: Western Europe, Military Factors Lecture: Latin America, Military Geography

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*Lecture: Latin America, Economic Factors

Lecture: Latin America, Political and Sociological Factors

Film: The Soviet Union

Fifth Week

Lecture: Military Geography of Southern and Southeastern Asia *Lecture: Military Problems in Asia

Sixth Week

*Lecture: The Problems of India

*Lecture: A Strategic Review of Southern Asia Lecture: Military Geography of the Far East Lecture: Communist China

Lecture: Military Geography of the Middle East "Lecture: Greece, Turkey and Iran Lecture: Military Geography of Africa

*Lecture: An Evaluation of North Africa

Seventh Week

Lecture: Security in the Attache System Lecture: The Art of a Concise Inquiry

Lecture: Memory Training

Tenth Week

Lecture: Transport Expenditures

Lecture: Expenditures Linked with Service Maintenance

Lecture: Expenditures by Representatives (Expenditures for

Communications)

Lecture: The Immunity of Diplomatic Missions

For the Commandant Assistant: Infantry Major Cornelius Brin

(Abbreviated translation by O. Kliment'yev Style on the conscience of the Program Compilers).

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As you can see, the US Central Intelligence Agency offers the "weaker sex" an extremely exhaustive program of training in espionage. Of 52 lectures read by the future spies-housewives 15 are marked with an asterisk -- "Secret." The fact that among these is the subject, the military geography of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, is quite understandable. Why, however, has it become necessary for the CIA to mark as secret the lectures about other countries even those of its allies? Is it not because of the fact that in these countries also the CIA conducts no less intensive espionage than in relation to the socialist countries? Lectures on "Problems of India," and "Greece, Turkey and Iran" are closed. Access to the following subjects (in the spy school!) is strictly limited: "Western Europe -- Military Factors," "Asian Military Problems," "A Strategic Survey of South Asia,"...

It is characteristic that of the three lectures on Latin America encompassing social, economic and military information only one is strictly secret. Which one do you think it is? "Latin America, Economic Factors!" Why, because here US military intelligence is working not for the Pentagon but for the Wall Street monopolies that plunder those same countries with which the United States has concluded the "Alliance for Progress."

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